

**REMARKS**

A copy of the submission papers and amendment for a Substitute Sequence Listing for the parent application 08/937,276, submitted on December 17, 2001, is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner as Exhibit A. In this amendment, the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 25 was amended (see pages 2 and 5) to change the sequence of the peptide epitope from the V3 loop of HIV gp120 from an incorrect sequence, "RGPGRRAFNTI", to the correct sequence, "RGPGRAFVTI", also found at page 25, line 17, and also described as the "V3 epitope" of HIV gp120. Lines 17-18 also disclose the Takahashi *et al.*, *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A.* 85: 3105-3109 (1988) reference describing this epitope peptide, which has also been enclosed herein for the convenience of the Examiner as Exhibit B. On page 3107, column 1, lines 16-17, of this reference, a peptide sequence containing the correct sequence for SEQ ID NO:5 is found. Thus, the correction of this sequence does not introduce new matter. This corrected sequence was incorporated into the Substitute Sequence Listing as SEQ ID NO:5.

The amendment submitted on December 17, 2001 also amended the specification to insert the sequence identifier, SEQ ID NO:5, for the sequence on page 25, line 17 as requested by the Examiner in the Office Communication of April 27, 2006.

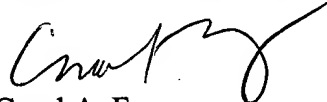
Applicants request entry of this amendment in adherence with 37 C.F.R. §§1.821 to 1.825. The information contained in the computer readable form of Application No. 08/937,276, submitted on December 17, 2001, was prepared through the use of the software program "PatentIn" and was identical to that of the paper copy which was printed from the floppy disk, a copy of which is enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. This amendment contains no new matter.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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